

ABSTRACT

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Schlosser-Crane Farm

1785,1850

Tilghmanton-Boonsboro Vicinity  
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The fieldstone house on this farm, located on the bank of the Antietam Creek was built in 1785 with an addition constructed in 1850. The original section is outstanding as a dated example of Washington County's 18th century vernacular architecture. It is one of the oldest structures in the Manor Church Road group.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

 NOMINATION FORM  
 for the  
 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Schlosser-Grane Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Manor Church Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Tilghmanton-Boonsboro Vicinity				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Washington	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Clarence B. Crane				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 1				
CITY OR TOWN: Boonsboro			STATE: Maryland	21713
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland	21740
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 446/501				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey # 2042				
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland	21404

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>(Check One)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered &lt; 50%    <input type="checkbox"/> Uncluttered </div> <div>(Check One)  <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This house is located on the south side of Manor Church Road on a bluff above the west bank of the Antietam Creek. It is situated on the edge of a steep bank and faces east.</p> <p>The structure is a two story, four bay dwelling constructed of coursed local limestone. The stones are relatively small and even in size. A two story, three bay ell also of stone construction extends to the rear or west. A recessed double porch is present along its north elevation. Much larger stones were used in the walls of the addition. A modern brick extension is attached to the ell. Decorative masonry includes flat arches of stone over original windows of the end walls and at the first story of the front elevation of the main section. Windows at the first, second and attic levels at the center of the north end wall have been walled-in and replaced with windows installed toward the ends of the wall at all three levels. Set high in the north gable is a date stone inscribed with the year 1785. Walls of the main section show evidence of having been covered with stucco at one time. The ell displays no decorative masonry. A date stone set in the west gable displays the initials D.S. and the year 1850.</p> <p>Windows appear to be spaced evenly in the front elevation. All openings in both sections have narrow frames which would appear to date from the mid-19th century, and which hold six over six pane double hung sashes. Windows at the first and second story of the north end of the west elevation of the ell light the double porch. Most window frames have hinge pins suggesting that shutters were present at one time.</p> <p>The main entrance is located in the northernmost bay of the east elevation. Modern double louvered doors are held within frames which appear to be contemporary with the windows. A small entrance porch with a low hipped roof shelters the front door. Other entrances are located at the rear elevation opposite the front door, and at the first and second story levels of the north elevation of the ell.</p> <p>The roof is covered with sheet metal and terminates with tapered barge boards set directly against the walls. Plain boxing finishes the eaves. Small brick chimneys with corbels at their tops are located inside each gable end.</p> <p>Just behind the house is a small brick out kitchen displaying common bonding at all elevations. On the opposite side of Manor Church Road from the house is a large frame bank barn with an unusual large semicircular section in its south gable.</p> <p>The buildings appear to be in good to excellent condition and are located on a tract containing 137.00 acres.</p>	

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☒ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1785, 1850 D.S.

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this house is its architecture. Constructed of coursed local fieldstone, it is particularly important as a dated example of Washington County's 18th century vernacular architecture. Built in 1785 it is one of the oldest, (if not the oldest) structures in the Manor Church Road group. Although dating from the 18th century, the house appears to have had extensive alterations during the mid 19th century, probably about the time the addition was built. The house is valuable, then, as reflecting both 18th and 19th century building techniques and trends.

It would appear that both sections of the house were built by members of the Schlosser family. In various transactions between 1785 and 1798, Peter Schlosser acquired land along the Antietam Creek. In 1791, he had the land resurveyed into a tract containing 249½ acres which was called "Schluser's Chance." It was made up of parts of the following earlier grants: "Smith's Choice," "Stoney Ridge," "Joe's Folly," "Contentment," and "Resurvey On Content." It is not known when Peter Schlosser arrived in Washington County, although it would appear that he was the builder of the first section of the house. (Land Patent Volume 2, Page 85).

According to Williams' History Of Washington County, Peter Schlosser was a native of Germany who migrated to America well before 1800. He and his wife, Susan, are said to have been buried at the "homestead".<sup>1</sup> Apparently the farm passed on to Peter's son John. On August 8, 1849, John and Elizabeth Schlosser sold 146½ acres to their son, David (Liber IN4, Folio 495). It would seem that David Schlosser built the addition to the house in 1850 which is inscribed with the initials D.S. The property remained in the Schlosser family until 1884 (Liber 84, Folio 140).

<sup>1</sup> T.J.C. Williams, History Of Washington County. Vol. 2  
Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., (1906) p. 872-3.

## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

Washington County Probate Records.

Williams, T.J.C., History Of Washington County, Hagerstown, Md:  
Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **137.00 acres.**

Acreage Justification:

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

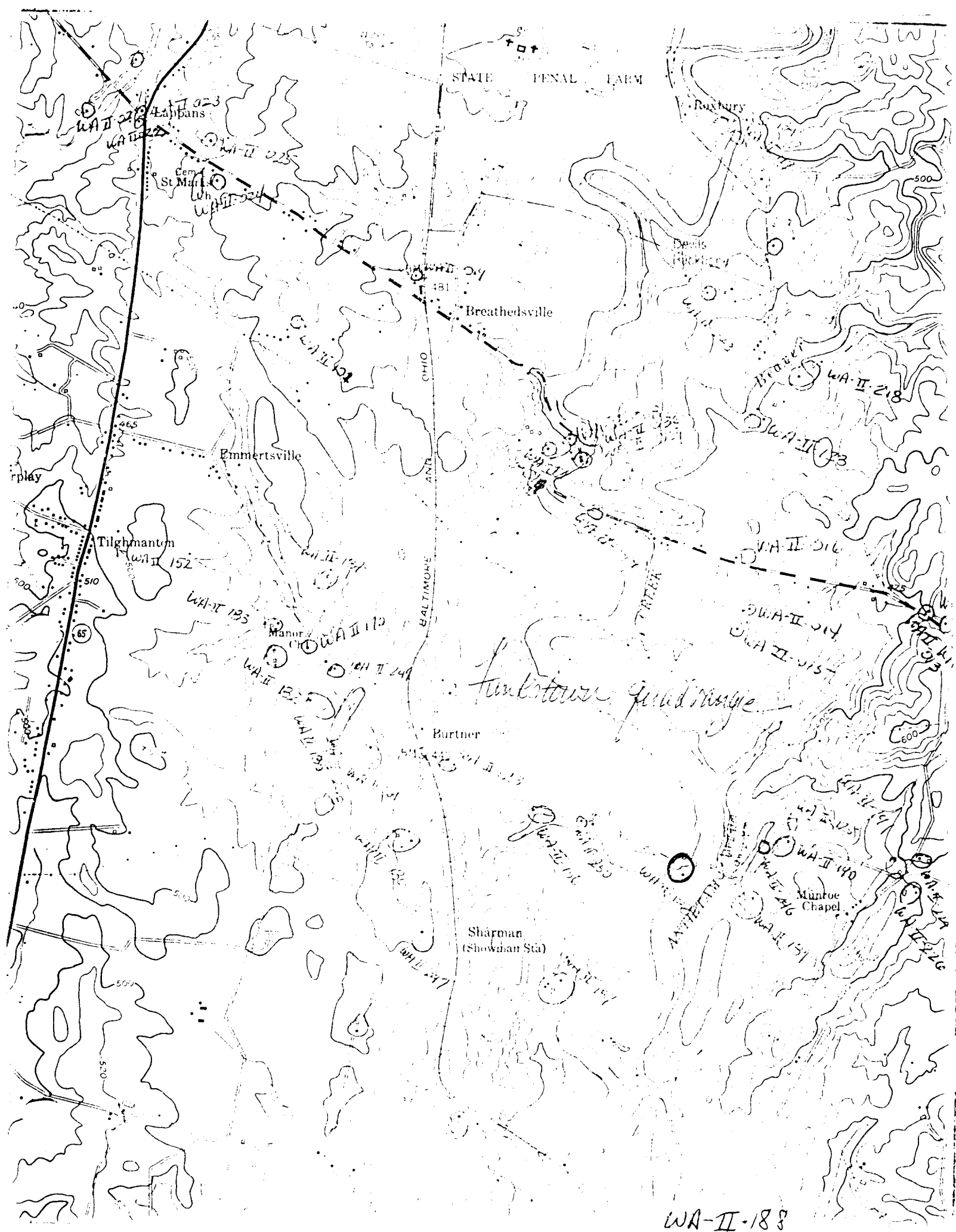
NAME AND TITLE: <b>Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant</b>		DATE <b>December 1975</b>
ORGANIZATION <b>Washington County Historical Sites Survey</b>		
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Court House Annex</b>		
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Hagerstown</b>	STATE <b>Maryland</b>	

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

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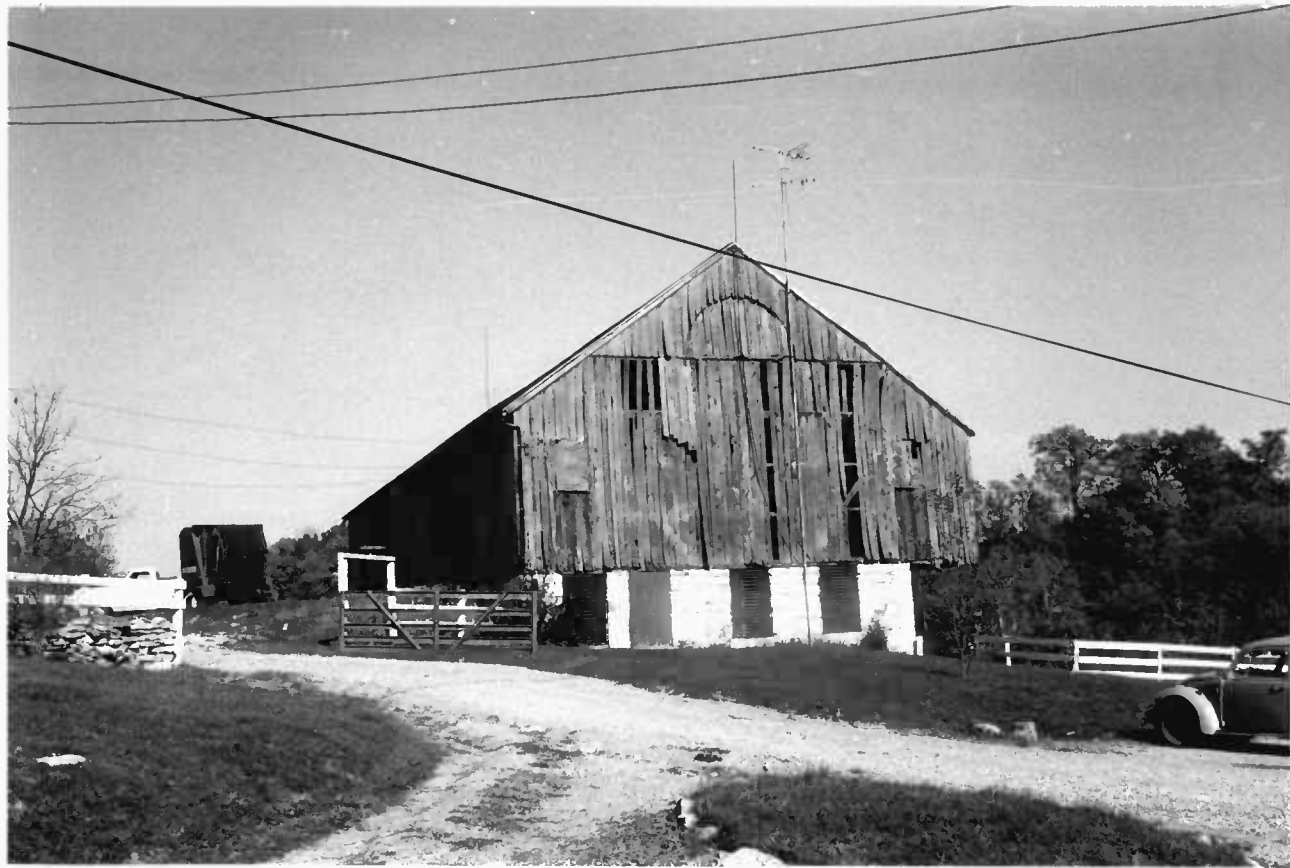


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